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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 12, 2002, setting forth a requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-18, drawn to a method for analyzing a sample, classified in Class 435, Subclass 7.1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are present in this application. These claims have been subjected to restriction by the Examiner under 35 USC §1.121 as follows:

Group I, directed to Claims 1-18, drawn to a method of harvesting components from a sample, classified in Class 435, Subclass 7.1;

Group II, directed to Claims 19-30, drawn to a method of harvesting a target component, classified in Class 436, Subclass 518; and

Group III, directed to Claims 31-36, drawn to a method of harvesting a target component from a whole blood sample, classified in Class 435, Subclass 2.